

religion and had a strong desire to know how important it was. They made a pact with each other. The first to die would come back and tell the other if religion was all that important. Jacob died first and Margaretha waited and longed to hear from Jacob. Many years passed and one day Margaretha called out and asked him why he hadn't kept his promise. He made it known to her that now she had asked he could tell her that religion was of great importance and would be of great worth and a blessing to their family in the future."

We recognized many familiar names on the headstones in the cemetery: Kunz, Klossner, Wiedmer, Stucki, Meir, Wampfler, Agenstein, Knutti, Hiltbrand, Mani, Minnig, etc.

Back on the bus, we traveled three miles up the canyon to visit some ancestral homes. The first home we visited was at Untere Blatten/Maeniggrund, home of Anna Mani, a foster daughter of Ida Boss Kunz. She invited us to come in and look through the three-hundred-year-old home. We saw the kitchen with its ancient fireplace. In another room, we saw a picture of Agnes, Lucy, Hazel and Parley -- children of John Kunz III and Elizabeth Boss -- hanging on the wall and had been hanging there a long time. Rose K. Eschler was born in this house to parents, John III and Magdelina S. Kunz; William J., their oldest son, lived here also.

Faerich/Maeniggrund was the second home visited. Here we met Uncle Christian Wiedmer who lives alone. We were surprised to see how much he looked like Grandfather William John Kunz. Uncle Christian's mother was a sister also of John II. His home was clean and orderly. We had a pleasant visit with him. We took pictures of him and tears were shed as we said goodbye. Both Johannes (John I) and his son, John II were born in this home.

The third home visited was the Schwand/Maeniggrund. We met Fritz and Hanny Beetchen. She is a great granddaughter of Johannes Kunz. They have a daughter, Vreni. This was the first